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TO AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF FLORA HIGGINS

1. HIGGINS ARRIVING LUSAKA DEC. 1 FOR 10 DAY VISIT UNDER SPONSORSHIP OF AID-FUNDED AFRICAN-AMERICAN SCHOLARS COUNCIL. PURPOSE OF TRIP IS TO IDENTIFY FIELDS IN WHICH RESEARCH PROJECTS COULD PROFITABLY BE UNDERTAKEN AND WOULD MAKE GREATEST CONTRIBUTION TO ZAMBIA'S OVERALL DEVELOPMENT. EXAMPLES ARE FIELDS OF HEALTH, AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION, ETC. COUNCIL'S MANDATE SEEMS QUITE BROAD AND PRESUMABLY ANY TOPIC CAN BE STUDIED.

2. DEPT. BELIEVES HIGGINS WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S VIEWS ON WHICH FIELDS MERIT PRIORITY ATTENTION AND IF POSSIBLE, SUGGESTIONS FOR SPECIFIC RESEARCH PROJECTS. WHILE COUNCIL'S FUNDS AND MANPOWER PROBABLY LIMITED, THIS MAY BE USEFUL OPPORTUNITY TO GET RESEARCH STARTED IN AREAS AMBASSADOR FEELS ARE IMPORTANT, E.G., INCREASING ZAMBIA'S CATTLE AND WHEAT PRODUCTION.

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3. AFTER CHECKING OUT POST'S SUGGESTIONS WITH HIGGINS TO MAKE SURE SHE WISHES PURSUE THEM, WE WILL ASK YOU TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS WITH APPROPRIATE GRZ OFFICIALS. REQUEST YOUR SUGGESTIONS BY NOV. 13. MAW

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